

REMARKS

The Restriction Requirement of June 18, 2003 has been carefully studied. In response thereto, Applicants elect group I subject to a rejoinder in the event that catalyst claims are allowed and the process claims of Group II are made dependent thereon.

By inspection, it is seen that the Abstract and the specification are amended for the sake of clarity. In particular, the term "radicals" is changed to "species" throughout inasmuch as "radicals" is an inappropriate translation of the term "espèces" in the French priority document.

It is also seen that the claims are amended by the incorporation of the conventional patent vernacular, without limiting the claims in any way whatsoever. Finally, dependent claims are added which mirror dependent claims of record but have different dependencies.

In view of this election, an early action on the merits of the application is courteously requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,


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